



# **National Science & Technology Council**

## ***Interagency Working Group on Biometrics***



## **NSTC IWG on Biometrics**

### **Overview**

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# National Science & Technology Council (NSTC)

## Principal Functions of NSTC

- Coordinate S&T policy across the Federal agencies in support of national policy goals and initiatives.
- Provide S&T expertise in the development of related Federal policies and programs.
- Support international cooperation on S&T issues.



# NSTC IWG on Biometrics

- First informal meeting in Fall 2002; chartered in Spring 2003.
- Goal: to further the development and assessment of biometrics for Federal government applications (including Congressionally mandated systems).
  - Entry/exit border control
  - Local access control
  - Benefits eligibility verification
  - Law enforcement
  - Surveillance



# Participants

\* Co-Chair

- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Homeland Security\*
- Department of Justice
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Executive Office of the President\*
- Intelligence Community
- National Science Foundation



# Current Activities

- Enhance collaboration among Federal agencies on Biometrics Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E).
- Function as the U.S. Government focal point and clearinghouse for information on biometrics research, technologies, and technical/policy issues.
- Support the coordinated participation of U.S. Government agencies in international working groups on biometric technologies.